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## **Grand Marais Harbor, MN**

### **Harbor Features**

- Located on the north shore of Lake Superior, about 110 miles northeast of Duluth, MN.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Authorization: River and Harbor Act of 1879.
- Project depths range between 8-20 feet.
- Federal small boat basin of approximately 38 acres makes up the major portion of the project. A small Federal channel behind the west breakwater is approximately 500 x 100 feet.
- Over 1,600 feet of breakwaters. Over 800 feet of concrete seawalls in the southeast corner of the harbor.
- Major stakeholders include the U.S. Coast Guard, Minnesota DNR, City of Grand Marais, a private boating club leasing land from the U.S. Forest Service, North House Folk School and two private marina owners.
- Harbor is home to a U.S. Coast Guard station.

### **Project Needs**

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on an infrequent basis. The harbor was last dredged in 2008.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.
- Reconfiguration of and dredging behind the west inner breakwater is needed to allow for easier access to docking and support facilities and to improve water quality in the area.



### **Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project**

- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of use by U.S. Coast Guard station.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area.

### **Transportation Importance**

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge as well as charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- This project provides access to Lake Superior for several governmental agencies with such functions as law enforcement, research, and search and rescue.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010  
Grand Marais Harbor, MN - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY08 Need</b>	<b>FY08 Allocation</b>	<b>FY09 Need</b>	<b>FY09 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY10 Need</b>	<b>FY10 Budget*</b>
Project Condition Surveys	31	20				
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	430	430				
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package						
Repair Hand Railing	50		50		50	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	

\*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009.

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative James L. Oberstar DFL-MN-8
- Senator Norm Coleman R-MN
- Senator Amy Klobuchar R-MN